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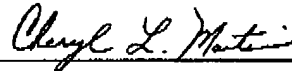
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 08/828,005  
Applicant(s) : Gary Dean LaVon *et al.*  
Filed : 27 March 1997  
Title : Absorbent Article Having Removable Components  
TC/A.U. : 3761  
Examiner : Karin M. Reichle  
Conf. No. : 4421  
Docket No. : 6563  
Customer No. : 27752

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action recorded by the Office as mailed on 7 September 2004, further examination and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please note that the aforementioned Office Action has not been received; instead, the undersigned discovered its existence by means of Private PAIR on 24 January 2005.

**An amendment to the description begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**An amendment to the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.**